



FOR IT IS BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED,
THROUGH FAITH—AND THIS NOT FROM
YOURSELVES, IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD.
EPH 2:8-9

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Second Sunday in Lent



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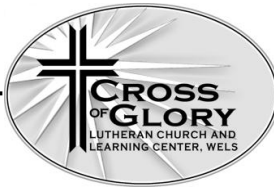
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Welcome! We are glad you are here with us today. Our service today follows an order of worship which places the spotlight on God's Word and its central message of peace through Jesus. You can follow the outline of the service in this worship folder. The hymn numbers refer to the red hymnal: Christian Worship (CW) or the blue hymnal: Christian Worship Supplement (CWS).

Holy Communion: We offer classes (Basic Bible Christianity) for those desiring to take the sacrament. If you are a newcomer, please take these classes before communing or speak with our pastor.

GATHERING RITE FOR LENT

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.** *(spoken)*

Refrain (Sung by choir and then repeated by congregation):



Choir: *A Son to shine in our darkness, a light to cast out despair. He comes to take away evil, and in his light we have life!*

Refrain (sung by congregation)

Choir: *And ev'ryone who believes will have eternal life. Lord, lifted up, we come to you with wonder, thanks and praise.*

Refrain (sung by congregation)

M: As we prepare to celebrate the wonder of Christ's love, let us confess our sin and ask the Lord for pardon and strength:

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.** *(spoken)*

Choir: *Do not live in fear. Called to life, arise! Turn away from sin. O come, Lord, enter in.*

Refrain x 2 (sung by congregation)

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you see that we have no power to defend ourselves. Guard and keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BE SEATED


CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST LESSON.....Genesis 28:10-17


Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Haran.¹¹ When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep.¹² He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.¹³ There above it stood the LORD, and he said: "I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying.¹⁴ Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring.¹⁵ I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."¹⁶ When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I was not aware of it."¹⁷ He was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven."

PSALM OF THE DAY.....Psalm 73

Refrain




Sure ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be a fraid. For the



Lord is my strong hold and my sure__ de fense, and he will__ be my__ Sav ior.

Psalm tone



M: I am always with 'you, O LORD; *

C: you hold me by my 'right hand.

M: You guide me with your 'counsel, *

C: and afterward you will take me into 'glory.

M: Whom have I in hea'ven but you? *

C: And earth has nothing I desire be'sides you.

M: My flesh and my ‘heart may fail. *
C: but God is the strength of my heart and my portion for’ever.
C: Glory be to the Father and ‘to the Son *
and to the Holy ‘Spirit,
as it was in the be’ginning, *
is now and will be forever. ‘Amen.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON.....Romans 5:1-11

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.³ Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance;⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope.⁵ And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.⁶ You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.⁷ Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die.⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.⁹ Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!¹⁰ For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!¹¹ Not only is this so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

THE VERSE OF THE DAY.....Philippians 2:8b

M: Jesus humbled himself and became obedient to death, even death on a cross.

GOSPEL.....Mark 8:31-38

He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again.³² He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.³³ But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men."³⁴ Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.³⁵ For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will

save it.³⁶ What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul?³⁷ Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?³⁸ If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



HYMN OF THE DAY.....Lord, You I Love with All My Heart (#434)

SERMON.....Mark 8:31-38

THEME: “Are You Running after Christ or Are You Running away from Him?”

CONFESSION OF FAITH: NICENE CREED

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER

OFFERING

The members of Cross of Glory are happy to support its ministry with their financial gifts. If you are visiting us today, do not feel obligated to give an offering.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Heavenly Father, you loved the world and gave your Son to liberate us from sin and death by his obedient death on the cross.

C: **We confess that without your love we are lost.**

M: Lord of the Church, we thank you for the treasure of the gospel. By your Spirit, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

C: **Strengthen our determination to do what pleases you, no matter what the danger or the cost.**

M: Let us pray for those who carry a cross in the name of Christ and face ridicule and persecution for the sake of the kingdom: missionaries and chaplains, young people who stand up for what is right in the face of pressure to do what is wrong, and all who pay a high price for their faith and their values as Christians.

C: **By your Spirit, O Lord, grant them patience and endurance.**

M: Let us pray for those who carry heavy burdens in life: the sick and the chronically ill, the depressed and the lonely, those torn by conflict in personal relationships, those victimized by war and injustice, and all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart.

C: **Grant them peace, O Lord, and in your mercy, be their guardian and friend, their comfort and hope.**

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

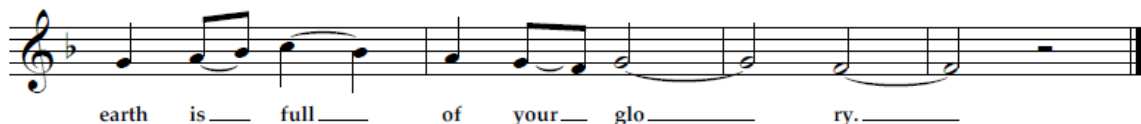
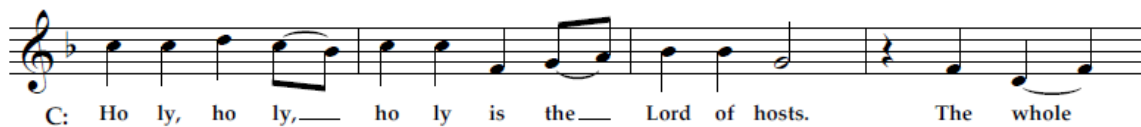
M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. In the past he spoke to us through the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, who is the radiance of his glory. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*SANCTUS*)



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A_____ men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*AGNUS DEI*)

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a way the sin of the world; have mer cy on—

us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a way the sin of the world; have

mer cy on— us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a way the

sin of the world; grant us your peace. A— men.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: What Wondrous Love Is This (CW # 120)

CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

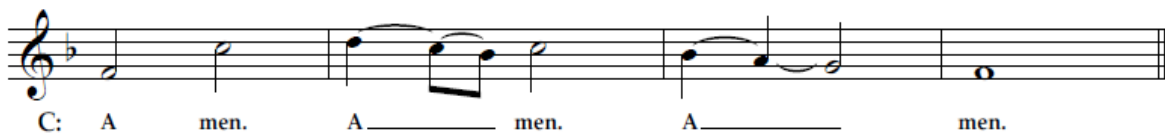
C: A— men.

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN.....O Christ, Who Called the Twelve (#770)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEASURE OF LOVE

Last Sunday's Attendance : Worship: ; Communion: .

Offerings to the Lord: General Fund - \$1776 (February Total - \$10,.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday (3/2):	6:30 p.m.	Evangelism Committee
Wednesday (3/4):	10:00 a.m.	Children's Chapel
	5:30 p.m.	Soup Supper
	6:30 p.m.	Midweek Lent Worship
Friday (3/6):	7:00 p.m.	Ladies Bible Study
Sunday (3/8):	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School / Adult Bible Study
	10:30 a.m.	Worship with Communion

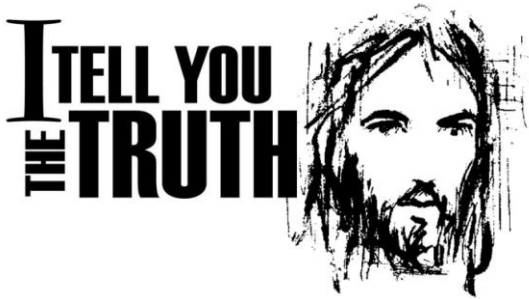
EVANGELISM COMMITTEE MEETING THIS MONDAY

The evangelism committee will be meeting on Monday, March 2nd at 6:30 p.m. We will be discussing our upcoming Easter for Kids event as well as talking about our church's overall evangelism plan. All members are invited to come and lend their voice to this discussion.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY THIS FRIDAY

We will be holding a ladies' Bible study here at Cross of Glory on Friday, March 6th at 7:00 p.m. All the women of the congregation (and friends) are invited to come and grow in God's Word as well as strengthen bonds of friendship. The ladies will be meeting in the Gathering Room at church.

LENT MIDWEEK WORSHIP AND SOUP SUPPERS



On Wednesdays in Lent, we have soup suppers starting at 5:30 and an evening prayer service at 6:30. Our theme for our services this year is "I Tell You the Truth." Each service will focus on one of Jesus' attention-getting and faith-building statements, highlighted in the Scripture by the words, "I tell you the truth."

Mar. 4th - "Fruits of faith will be remembered."

Mar. 11th - "One of you will betray me."

Mar. 18th - "You will disown me."

Mar. 25th - "If one dies, it produces life for many."

EASTER FOR KIDS ON MARCH 28TH

Our annual Easter for Kids event will be held on Saturday, March 28th, from 9:30 - Noon. There will be music, crafts, Bible story and an egg hunt. There will be plenty of volunteer opportunities for our members (a sign up sheet is in the church). This is a great event for children to come and bring a friend (or two)!